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In re National Phase PCT Application of

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Agent on a Moving Web

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination of the above-identified application please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 11, with the following::

-- In accordance with the invention, treating agent is spread on the web or on a moving surface that transfers the treating agent onto the web, from several parallel openings, which are formed in a plate-like piece so that the plate surrounds the openings around the entire